

## **Huron-Manistee National Forests Errata Corrections to the 2006 Final Environmental Impact Statement #1 August 27, 2007**

Forest planning document errata corrections are defined in the Forest Service Environmental Policy and Procedures Handbook, FSH 1909.15, Chapter 10, Sections 18.1 and 18.2.

Errata corrections and clarifications are simple corrections to the Final Environmental Impact Statement. An interdisciplinary review, as documented in the project file, has determined that a supplement or revision of the Final Environmental Impact Statement is not necessary according to FSH 1909.15, Chapter 10, Sections 18.1 and 18.2.

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### **Correction to the Final Environmental Impact Statement, Chapter III.**

On June 22, 2007, Gloria Manning, Reviewing Officer for the Chief, in her decision concerning the appeals to the 2006 Forest Plan, indicated that recreational use data, as presented in the Final Environmental Impact Statement, was erroneously referenced as National Visitor Use Monitoring data, in its original form, as shown in Table III-32, page III-287, entitled “National Visitor Use Monitoring Summary” (NVUM). However, the numbers in Table III-32 are upward adjusted numbers, reflecting the professional judgment of the interdisciplinary team, and have been increased by a factor of three or more and converted to a different set of units from the original NVUM data. Thus, the results of these adjustments cannot fairly be described as reflecting the NVUM survey. Additionally, several recreational uses reference NVUM statistics without reference to adjustment by the interdisciplinary team.

#### **1 - The following corrects the List of Tables reference to national visitor use monitoring on page iv of the Final Environmental Impact Statement.**

**Original Wording:** Table III-32. National Visitor Use Monitoring Summary (Annual RVDs).

**Corrected Wording:** Table III-32. Visitor Use Monitoring Summary (Annual RVDs).

#### **2 - The following corrects the description of visitor use monitoring data on page III-287 (2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph) of the Final Environmental Impact Statement.**

**Original Wording:** The Huron-Manistee National Forests completed the National Visitor Use Monitoring survey in 2001. The results of that survey failed to adequately reflect some major recreational uses that occur on the National Forests. The Forests incorporated additional state-wide survey data, and using professional judgment of the Huron-Manistee’s staff and management, revised the underrepresented segments of the National Visitor Use

Monitoring survey to better approximate annual recreation use figures. The revised data indicates that the Huron-Manistee National Forests received more than three million National Forest visits, which includes over 27,500 visits recorded for the Nordhouse Dunes Wilderness area, or 64.2 Recreation Visitor Days.

**Corrected Wording:** The Huron-Manistee National Forests completed the National Visitor Use Monitoring survey in 2001. The results of that survey failed to adequately reflect some major recreational uses that occur on the National Forests. For example, National Visitor Use Monitoring estimates did not include any snowmobile use for the Huron-Manistee National Forests. Thus, additional state-wide survey data was incorporated, and using professional judgment of the Huron-Manistee's staff and management, the under-represented segments of the National Visitor Use Monitoring survey were modified to better approximate annual recreation use on the Forests. The results are depicted in Table III-32. Visitor Use Monitoring Summary Data. The results indicate that the Huron-Manistee National Forests received more than three million National Forest visits, which includes over 27,500 visits recorded for the Nordhouse Dunes Wilderness area, or 64.2 Recreation Visitor Days.

**Original title of Table III-32.**

Table III-32: National Visitor Use Monitoring Summary (Annual RVDs<sup>1/</sup>).

**Revised title of Table III-32.**

Table III-32: Visitor Use Monitoring Summary Data (Annual RVDs<sup>1/</sup>).

**3 - The following corrects the description of visitor use monitoring data on page III-298 (1<sup>st</sup> paragraph; under Effects on Trails) of the Final Environmental Impact Statement.**

**Original Wording:** Over a million visitors use these trails annually (USDA Forest Service, National Visitor Use Monitoring Results August 2002).

**Corrected Wording:** Over a million visitors use these trails annually as reflected in the Huron-Manistee National Forests' estimate of recreational visitor use.

**4 - The following corrects the description of visitor use monitoring data on page III-299 (4<sup>th</sup> paragraph, Nonmotorized) of the Final Environmental Impact Statement.**

**Original Wording:** Annually, biking, mountain and touring, use is estimated at 12,700 recreation visitor days annually (National Visitor Use Monitoring 2002).

**Corrected Wording:** Annually, biking, mountain and touring, use is estimated at 12,700 recreation visitor days annually as reflected in the Huron-Manistee National Forests' estimate of recreational visitor use.

**5 - The following corrects the description of visitor use monitoring data on page III-299 (5<sup>th</sup> paragraph, Nonmotorized) of the Final Environmental Impact Statement.**

**Original Wording:** On the Forests, estimated hiking or walking use is 338,000 recreation visitor days annually (National Visitor Use Monitoring 2002).

**Corrected Wording:** On the Forests, estimated hiking or walking use is 338,000 recreation visitor days annually as determined by the Huron-Manistee National Forests estimate of recreational visitor use.

**6 - The following corrects the description of visitor use monitoring data on page III-299 (6<sup>th</sup> paragraph, Nonmotorized) of the Final Environmental Impact Statement.**

**Original Wording:** Horseback riding use estimates are 4,200 recreation visitor days annually, (National Visitor Use Monitoring 2002).

**Corrected Wording:** Horseback riding use estimates are 3,800 recreation visitor days annually as determined by the Huron-Manistee National Forests estimate of recreational visitor use.

**7 - The following corrects the description of visitor use monitoring data on page III-300, (1<sup>st</sup> paragraph under Motorized) of the Final Environmental Impact Statement.**

**Original Wording:** The National Visitor Use Monitoring survey resulted in current Off-Highway Vehicle use estimates of 254,000 Recreation Visitor Days annually.

**Corrected Wording:** Off-Highway Vehicle use estimates are 254,000 recreation visitor days annually as determined by the Huron-Manistee National Forests' estimate of recreational visitor use.

**8 - The following corrects the description of visitor use monitoring data on page III-300, (2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph under Motorized) of the Final Environmental Impact Statement.**

**Original Wording:** The National Visitor Use Monitoring survey resulted in current snowmobile use estimates of 169,000 Recreation Visitor Days annually.

**Corrected Wording:** Revised estimates of the National Visitor Use Monitoring survey by the Huron-Manistee National Forests resulted in current snowmobile use estimates of 169,000 Recreation Visitor Days annually.

**9 - The following corrects the description of visitor use monitoring data on page III-347, (3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph) of the Final Environmental Impact Statement.**

**Original Wording:** The Forests' recreational use was calculated using the results of the National Visitor Use Monitoring survey within each of the above Resources Protection Act categories. The National Visitor Use Monitoring survey was completed in 2001 on each Forest and provides science-based information about the type, quantity, quality and location of recreation use on public lands. (National Visitor Use Monitoring Survey Results August 2002, and updated results, 2004, Huron-Manistee National Forests).

**Corrected Wording:** The Forests' recreational use was determined by the Huron-Manistee National Forests interdisciplinary team in consultation with staff and management personnel, and the expert advice of Michigan State University researcher, Dr. Daniel Stynes. Starting with the results of the National Visitor Use Monitoring Survey and applying additional state-wide survey data and professional judgment, the National Visitor Use Monitoring data was revised upward to better approximate annual recreational uses of the Forests. (National Visitor Use Monitoring Survey Results August 2002, and revised results, 2004, Huron-Manistee National Forests).

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